

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. We want more local T.V. and radio stations, including Low Frequency FM stations like 96.9 FM in San Diego.

If Sinclair can seemingly do whatever they want, why does the FCC stop other stations from doing what they want. It seems as though the FCC has an agenda. And I did not vote for your agenda. As public servants I want you to stop this gross misuse of airtime by Sinclair Broadcasting. If they want to run pro-campaign adds for both candidates, fine. But running one anti-Kerry add and no anti-Bush add should be illegal.

Thank you.